

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The safety of all Minnesotans is a top priority of the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: We must do everything we can to promote gun safety and reduce gun violence on our

streets and in our communities; and

WHEREAS: 30,000 Americans across our country are killed every year as a result of gun violence,

destroying families and communities in big cities and small towns; and

WHEREAS: Americans are 25 times more likely to be murdered with guns than people in other

developed countries; and

WHEREAS: On July 23, 2016, Taylor Hayden, a 25-year-old from Wayzata, Minnesota, was tragically

murdered on weekend trip to Atlanta, innocently caught in the crossfire of gunshots; and

WHEREAS: June 2, 2017, would have been the 20th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, a 15 year-old

Chicago teen who was killed a week after she walked in President Obama's second

presidential inaugural parade in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS: Pendleton's death sparked a movement to honor the teen by wearing orange, the color

that symbolizes the value of human life; and

WHEREAS: Skylines and buildings nationwide will turn orange on June 1, the start of Gun Violence

Awareness Month; and

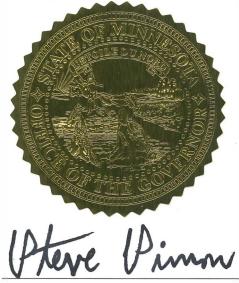
WHEREAS: June 2, 2017, is National Gun Violence Awareness Day, and together, we honor and

remember all victims and survivors of gun violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 2, 2017,

GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 22nd day of February.

